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STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD NEWS RELEASE

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STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST TWO CONTRACTORS

RENO, NV – At its meeting on March 5, 2002, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases against two licensed contractors.

Curtis Andrew Barmetter dba Nevada Superior Painting, license number 49348 (Painting and Decorating) based out of Fernley, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for abandonment of a construction project, failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board revoked the license of Curtis Andrew Barmetter dba Nevada Superior Painting.

William George James dba Ruby West Construction, license number 45995 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Sparks, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to obtain a building permit; failure to pay for materials or services; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint. The Board revoked the license of William George James dba Ruby West Construction.

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers the following helpful tips for consumers when dealing with contractors:

10 TIPS FOR MAKING SURE YOUR CONTRACTOR IS ON THE LEVEL

1. Hire only licensed contractors.
2. Check the contractor's license number by calling 1-702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 1-775-688-1141 in northern Nevada or doing a License Check by visiting our website at: www.state.nv.us/nscb/.
3. Get three references, and review past work.
4. Get at least three bids.
5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
6. Pay 10% down or \$1000, whichever is less if a deposit is required.
7. Don't let payments get ahead of work. Keep records of payments.

8. Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.
 9. Don't pay cash.
 10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project
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The Nevada State Contractors' Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

The Board will convene next in Henderson, NV on March 26, 2002.